


REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-23 of the present application as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,821,695 to Vilanilam ("Vilanilam") under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection insomuch as it applies to the amended and added claims.

Vilanilam discloses a housing having a cavity in sealing engagement with a glass jewel which also contains a cavity. The two cavities cooperate to form a closed chamber. All of the claims of the present invention now require that the LEDs be immersed in the flowable lens material after the lens material is poured in the mold. Vilanilam does not disclose or suggest such a limitation. As such Vilanilam does not render any of claim 18-23 or 25-36 obvious.

Based on the foregoing, the allowance of claims 18-23 and 25-36 is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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